

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Abstract

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to because it is not a single paragraph. In response, a new, single paragraph Abstract has been provided for the Examiner's consideration and approval.

Specification

The specification has been amended to place it in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims Status

Claims 1 through 12 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, and 9 through 12 have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention, or to improve their form and/or as below discussed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claim 1 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claims 1 through 12 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Claim Objections

Claims 5, 9, 10/1, and 10/9 are objected to for the reasons succinctly set forth in the Official Action. In response, Claims 5, 9, and 10 have been amended *inter alia* to overcome the grounds of the objections. It is respectfully submitted that the objections have been overcome.

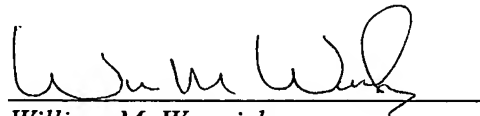
Closing Comments

No art rejections are lodged against the pending claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims on file are allowable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William M. Wannisky', is written over a horizontal line.

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